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Lessons Learned

This course has probably been one of the most impactful courses that I have taken during the masters program. The web 2.0 tools critique assignment forced me to do some intentional exploration of available tools. As a result, I learned a lot about some specific tools but more importantly I learned that there is a practically limitless amount of easily usable resources available online. The fact that I have spend a lot of time discussing web tools with colleagues is a testament that I am getting some use out of the tools our class has been exposed to.

I currently read several education relevant articles a day compared to zero before knowing how to use RSS feeds. The problem has never been my willingness; it has been convenience and time. I don’t generally think to go searching about to read articles. With the RSS feeds that I have on my internet homepage I can look several times a day to see if there is anything that I am interested in. Reading articles has caused me to branch exploration on several occasions. I am very excited about this cycle of occurrences. Over the past few months I have started to feel empowerment associated with new knowledge and independent learning.

Other tools I will definitely use in the future as a result of this class:

* Blogging
* Audacity and podcasting
* Screencasting w/ smartboard
* Online assessment tools(hotpots/quizlets)